

Australian Government response to the Senate Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Committee report:

TPI Payment (Special Rate of Disability Pension)

Recommendation 1

2.87 The Committee recommends that the Australian Government consider an increase in the TPI Payment.

Government Response

The Government welcomes the Senate Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee's report into the TPI Payment (Special Rate of Disability Pension) and commends the Committee for the thoroughness with which it has considered the complex issues raised in the course of the Inquiry.

The Government honours and respects the service of our TPI veterans whose wellbeing has been severely impacted by their service.

The Government notes with appreciation the comprehensive contributions of those organisations and individuals who made submissions to the Inquiry, and those who gave evidence to assist the Committee's deliberations. These contributions provide the Government with valuable insight to the concerns of the ex-service community.

The Government notes the Committee's recommendation that the Australian Government consider an increase in the TPI payment, and will take this recommendation together with the views of the ex-service community as presented to the Committee into account when considering future policy options for support to TPI veterans.